

## Notes from UHRC Policy Group Meeting, 4/18

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Thanks for participating in last Thursday's UHRC Policy Group meeting. The following was discussed at the meeting:

### UHRC Operations:

- The UHRC continued its operations from 7am to 5pm, Monday - Friday.
- At the request of CD2, rapid response / HOPE Teams in the Valley will be spending equal time in each Valley council district.
- The Policy Group discussed ongoing efforts at Venice and Globe following the recent shooting. LAPD has identified around 15 individuals who expressed an interest in additional services or shelter. LAPD will be providing their information to LAHSA.
- CD11, in coordination with the County, is planning to host a Connect Day at the location. Additionally, the council office continues to explore adding services, such as increased dumpster and trash resources and bathroom services at the location.
- LAPD will focus their enforcement efforts on narcotics-related activity at the site; however, LAPD expressed concerns about conducting any kind of enforcement activities at the location until the 15 individuals who expressed an interest in services or

shelter are placed in shelter or housing. LAHSA noted placing these individuals will take a long time.

- LAHSA agreed to identify the top 10 to 15 locations where they believe the trash bag pilot program may be effective and report back to the Policy Group at its next meeting on Thursday, 4/25. LAHSA also indicated that any new trash collection pilots should experiment with the use of smaller trash bags. Additionally, the Mayor's Office is exploring the possibility of providing incentives (e.g., small gift cards) in exchange for filled trash bags.

#### **LAPD Homelessness CompStat:**

- LAPD held its first regular Homelessness CompStat meeting on 4/17. Commands from Central, Pacific, and Hollywood Areas discussed their recent homelessness-related crime and victimization and their strategies for addressing issues within their communities. Senior Lead Officers and Community Relations Officers discussed the issues and concerns they have been hearing from the community. SLOs also repeatedly mentioned the need for more sanitation services and more timely notification by sanitation when those services will be in their areas.

#### **Notifying the UHRC of Critical Incidents, Cleanups, or Major Operations:**

- The Mayor's Office clarified that departments should notify the UHRC of any critical incidents, planned or ongoing cleanups, and any major operation. There have been several recent incidents involving vehicle or trash fires where Sanitation wasn't notified about the need for cleanups until after the fires were extinguished. It is important to ensure the UHRC is notified of these incidents so UHRC staff can help ensure effective communication and coordination.

#### **A Bridge Home Focus Areas:**

##### El Pueblo (CD14)

- The People Concern is addressing an issue with a problematic resident of El Puente.
- The voluntary storage program at El Pueblo is being made available to individuals residing in Chinatown. LAHSA is working to spread awareness about this additional service area.

##### Schrader (CD13)

- The City continues to provide enhanced services in the Schrader Special Enforcement & Cleaning Zone (SEC Zone). In the first two weeks of these services, from 4/8 through 4/19, LAHSA, LASAN, and LAPD report the following metrics:
  - LAHSA made 263 contacts in the zone. A total of 65 referrals were made, with 25 referrals attained.
  - Two placements in crisis housing / shelter directly from the streets
  - Ten names added to the Schrader Interest List
  - LAPD issued one citation (LAMC 56.11) and made two arrests (one felony warrant; one battery at the ABH site). No uses of force.
  - LASAN collected a total of 6.82 tons of solid waste, 196 sharps, 33 shopping carts, and 27 bulky items.
- UHRC staff will follow up on sign postings for each side of the Schrader SEC Zone's perimeter streets.

#### **Outstanding Action Item(s):**

- LAHSA will connect with St. Joseph's Center on coordinating an outreach plan at Venice and Globe; LAPD committed to being available to accompany outreach workers to the location.
- RV protocol discussion is ongoing.
- LAHSA will establish a process for tracking and recording their outreach efforts in the Schrader Focus Area where offers of shelter are made.
- The UHRC will be lead on fire season planning and coordination. Planning will take place as early as possible in anticipation of a high fire season.
- LASAN will provide metrics on collections from Venice and Globe.

Please let me know if you have any questions, or if I have missed (or misstated) anything from the meeting.

Notes from the 4/11 UHRC Policy Group meeting are attached.

**The next UHRC Policy Group meeting will be on Thursday, 4/25, at 1pm in the CENTCOM Room, 22nd Floor - City Hall.**

Thanks so much!

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